

throat wh^{ch} was always his weak
point has been worse than
usual, and he was confined to
house for a good while & will
I expect leave London for a while
but I have not heard when he ^{is to do}.
I hope by the time that you receive
this you will have spent a very
happy Xmas & New Year
& I remain

Your most sincere

J F Homey

Homes
MILLS PARK,
FROME

Dec 23. 84

My dear Doctn Gray

I was so very much pleased to
hear from you, and am delighted
with your kind present of the
acorns wh^{ch} arrived with your
letter. they will some day be a
great addition to our woodland
scenery, and they are just what
I like to have - thank you very
much indeed for them - we shall
have been married 2 years on

THEATRE
HOME

Jan: 18 and we have a little girl who was born the Nov: after we were married & she is now one year old - My wife hopes very much to make your acquaintance and M^r Hayes on our side or the other of the Atlantic, though we don't see our way to crossing it just at present - My sister whom you recollect here now lives mostly with my brother in London

but her wife is coming down for Christmas tomorrow to the Rectory where my other brother & mother live. My wife is very fond of trees & says she likes deciduous ones better than conifers so she is delighted with the acorn -

I hope that both you & M^r Hayes are well, please to remember me most kindly to her.

I am sorry to say that the Dean of St Paul's has been very poorly all this winter, so far. His